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WE SEED THE CLOUDS...

1. With prophetic _____ (1 Kings 18: 41)

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” Ephesians 3:20

- Seeing the invisible
- Hearing the inaudible
- Believing the impossible

2. With confident _____ (1 Kings 18:21)

“Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, “How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!” But the people were completely silent.” 1 Kings 18:21

“Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.” Hebrews 11:1

- Believing in God’s Word
- Spending time in God’s presence
- Growing with God’s people

3. With patient _____ (1 Kings 18:42-43)

“One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.” Luke 18:1

[Jesus] *“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.”* Matthew 7:7

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“³⁶At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, ‘O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command. ³⁷O Lord, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself.’” 1 Kings 18:36-37

- Because God hears our prayers
- Because our prayers make a difference
- Because bold prayers are in line with God’s will
- Because the Bible tells us to
- Because we know nothing is impossible for God
- Because there are things God won’t do unless we pray

“Yet you don’t have what you want because you don’t ask God for it.” James 4:2

“The greatest tragedy in life is that prayers go unanswered because they go unasked. Prayer is the way we write history before it happens! It’s the difference between letting things happen and making things happen.” Batterson, p. 182



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